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Since October, 1892, we have catered to the wants of the residents of the Battle River District. Through good seasons and bad seasons we have stood by our customers and our customers have stood by us.

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WETASKIWIN

DISTRICT NEWS

Collected by our own wide-awake, reliable correspondents.

GRAND CONCERT.—A high-class concert will be given in Herie's Hall, Wetaskiwin, on Wednesday evening, April 10th, by W. G. Elvins, right and company of ten performers. Full particulars next week.

Red Deer Lake.

Get ready boys for the good time our friend, Mr. Neilson, is going to give us.

Mr. Walter Bergman left for Calgary last week. We miss his gentle smiles, and wish him every success until he is able to return to his farm.

Several sections of government land have been purchased here within the last month by small-grants and resident farmers. There are still some good sections left.

Mr. P. Johnson has his boys at work hewing logs for some stables he intends building on his new land. We are glad to see the example these young men show, in doing what is possible for their dad while he is with them. Mr. Johnson is giving up farming, and will deal some what extensively in cattle.

A meeting of the reformatory of the local improvement district was held in the school house on the 23rd inst. A large attendance was present, consisting of Swedes, Germans and Hungarians. Mr. Bealer was appointed overseer for the coming year. Mr. Bergman left for the coming year. Mr. Bealer is a very competent man and will no doubt attend to the important duties devolving upon him in his new office.

The weather has been exceptionally mild for the past month. The snow has bid us good-bye for a season, and the ice is fast going up on the hills. It was the first of geese were seen this week. The farmers are getting their implements ready for the spring work. The trails at present are in very bad condition; wading through water in sloughs and creeks, and driving in the mud makes a very unpleasant trip to town.

The people of Asker district held a social last week in aid of their new literary hall, at the house of Mr. Ravensburg. The neatly prepared baskets were sold at reasonable prices. After luncheon a very enjoyable time was spent in keeping time to the music, and games of various kinds. Mr. Kraft supplied music in his usual cheerful manner. The people of the district are to be congratulated on their enterprise in encouraging the young to profit by a literary line of work.

Penron Park.

Mr. Van is moving his family about 100 miles east. He intends to run a stock ranch.

Duncan McPhail, Frank Fee, John McGarriety and W. A. Fee leave Monday morning on an exploring trip. They are taking lots of grub and blankets and a surveyor's outfit and as Mr. Fee is an expert at this particular line of business and a good judge of land, we don't see any obstacle in the way to prevent them from procuring the choicest land.

This week it is our sad duty to record the demise of Mrs. Richard Hawkins, which took place on Saturday, the 23rd inst. Mrs. Hawkins was one of the pioneer settlers, having come here with her husband several years ago. They saw Alberta in its wildest state, and many are the hardships and privations they encountered. Mrs. Hawkins was beloved by all who knew her, and leaves behind a kind husband, one sister and two brothers to mourn her loss. Her sister is Mrs. Lucas, and her brothers are Messrs. David and Noble Morrison. The funeral took place on Monday afternoon, and was followed by a large concourse of relatives and friends. An appropriate sermon was preached in the Episcopal church by Rev. C. H. Andrus, after which the remains were conveyed to their last resting place. Mrs. Hawkins has the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of a kind, true and noble wife.

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Duhamel.

Mr. Mallatt has leased his farm for another year.

Nine claims were filed on south of here last week.

Ben. Kelly has got nicely settled in his new home.

There are no more new cases of smallpox in this settlement.

Even O. Olstad will soon leave to take up his residence in town. Dr. Bingham is kept busy these days looking after the sickness that is prevalent among the cattle.

Mr. Rowe is thinking of opening up a tin and hardware store here. There is a good opening, and no doubt he would do a big business.

Services will be held next Sunday at Zion church at 3 p. m., and Mr. Fry will have charge of the Sunday School the following Sunday at 2:30 p. m.

The Ladies' Aid of Zion church, four miles south of here, are anticipating the holding of a concert and bazaar in the near future and we would advise all young men to save their money, as quilts, ladies' bags and other necessary household goods will be sold.

Dried Meat Lake.

Seed oats are as scarce as hen's teeth.

Some of the farmers have been dicing fall breaking.

Miss Maud Campbell is spending a few days at Edmonton.

Horses that have ranged it through the winter are in good condition.

Mr. Solallen is a prospective resident of this good country, from south Dakota.

It seems more like old times to read over the crisp columns of the Wetaskiwin Times. A good beginning is half the task done.

The lake is still solid, but a few more days of such warm weather will make crossing dangerous. There are 10 new houses to be built in the near future.

Without exaggerating matters, I will say that I believe township 46 range 20, west M. 4 has the largest extent of brushless land, that is high and safe for farming within a radius of 25 miles of Wetaskiwin.

Lewisville.

Mr. Griffin has leased his farm.

Mr. Hanna and family have now got settled in their new home at the post office.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin will leave in a week or two for Washington to spend a month with their daughter.

Mr. Geer and family expect to leave shortly for a trip through Southern Alberta and State of Washington.

Mr. Purdy left last week for Ponoka, intending to bring back a shipment of goods which he got from the east.

The new Methodist church at Lewisville will now be pushed right along. The contract for the lumber has been let to Mr. Roswell. Mr. Fry is at present holding services every alternate Sunday at the home of Mr. Jones, at 8 in the evening.

Angus Ridge Echoes.

A lengthy budget has arrived from our correspondent at Angus Ridge, but is too late for this issue. It will appear next week.

According to the bills which are to be seen here and there, the people of Angus Ridge seem to be fit and earnest about their entertainment, which is to be held this Friday evening. If trying to do things in a systematic, business-like manner, signifies aught, the concert should certainly prove successful. A fine program has been prepared, and this, together with the promised refreshments, amusements and social time, should amply repay any who may make any sacrifice to attend.

The date of E. O. Olstad's sale, which was advertised to take place on April 10th, has been changed to Saturday, April 6th. Farmers please take note.

Personals.

C. L. Miquelon, of the Ponoka Hotel, was in town Saturday.

Miss J. Robinson is spending a few days visiting Edmonton friends.

Mrs. T. Allen, of Strathcona, was in town this week the guest of Mrs. Emery.

Robt. Beag, of Calgary, was in town Monday searching for good cattle.

Miss Freda Edstrom has resumed her situation as waitress at the Drind Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Priebe, of Lewisville, were in town Monday and Tuesday.

C. Olsen, of Dried Meat Lake, was in town a couple of days last week on business.

B. J. Minzer went to Leduc on Monday on a trip, combining business and pleasure.

Mr. Johnson purchased a very fine steer from Mrs. Hoether, of Bittern Lake last week.

Mrs. Algar, of Ponoka, spent several days of last week the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Finch.

J. Y. Byers accompanied A. W. Fleming out to his ranch on Wednesday, and will remain several days.

E. L. English, who represents the Watrous Fire Engine Co., was in town last week in the interests of his company.

J. S. Fox, of Dried Meat Lake, is east purchasing two or three cars of young stock. He is expected back in a couple of weeks.

J. Johnson and R. L. Rushton went to Bittern and Hay Lakes on business last Friday and Saturday and report the trails in very bad shape.

Mrs. H. A. Johnston and son, Miss Annie Anderson, who went to South Dakota about a week ago, are expected to return to town on Monday's train.

Their many friends are pleased to see them. Mr. Johnston came up on Tuesday with a car of effects.

C. C. Reed, real estate agent of Ponoka, but formerly of Merville, Iowa, was in town on Saturday last and gave The Times a call.

Mr. Reed has purchased a farm adjacent to town, and believes that this section of Alberta is unexcelled by any other district on the continent of America.

A. W. Fleming, of Dried Meat Lake, arrived on Monday's train from an extended visit to the Old Country and looks hale and hearty.

Mr. Fleming reports having had a very rough voyage. The steamer on which he started encountered a driving storm, and, breaking one of her masts, was compelled to return to port.

There was a very rough sea all the way, and Mr. and Mrs. Fleming were on the water 15 days. Mrs. Fleming remained in Calgary to visit friends for a few days.

Communication.

The columns of The Times are always open for the discussion of public questions, and we are glad to receive the communications sent by the correspondents.

To the Editor of The Times:

DEAR SIR:—There are two gardens now; once there was only one. We call one garden "the church," the other we call "the world." The dividing fence is not high enough or close enough to prevent influences passing to and fro. While the Devil sows his seed in the "world garden," some of it drifts through the fence and unfortunately takes root in the "church garden," and while Christ sows His seed in the "church garden," some of it also passes through the fence and sprouts up in the "world garden," producing moral, honest, industrious, respected men—men of industry. These men are gardeners in the world who are trying to uproot the indigenous evils of the world, while the gardeners in the church garden are striving to destroy the evil essences. And behold, while the war against evil is being waged on both sides of the fence, one man standing in the garden of the world looking through the fence, loudly calling attention to the evils in the church garden, and trying to eradicate the evil from the world, but trying to distract attention from the great evils in his own garden, by pointing out and magnifying the lesser evils in the church garden. This man is "The Man with the Hoe." A CITIZEN.

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Church Chimes.

The Willing Workers of Presbyterian church held a social for the members on Friday evening last, April 22nd. A musical program was rendered, after which tasty refreshments were provided. An enjoyable evening was spent.

Thos. J. Scott, Scotland's greatest soloist and entertainer, assisted by Mrs. A. A. Goodhand, of Mrs. Norville's school of elocution, Detroit, will appear in Herie's Hall on Thursday, April 4th, under the auspices of the Methodist church. This is a rare treat.

We understand a concert is being arranged by the choir and friends of the Presbyterian church, to be given during Easter week. Particulars will be given later. Readers should bear this in mind, as the musical efforts of this choir are usually of a high order, and an A 1 concert is no doubt in store.

An excellent sermon was delivered on Sunday evening by Rev. A. R. Ross, from the text, "What must I do to be saved?"

The speaker, in his usual forcible manner, pointed out many of the evils to which the young men of the town were subject, and urged them to take a virtuous and useful life. The cry of the world was "What must I do to be saved?" the cry of the church should be "What must I do to save the world?"

Large Immigration.

The railway business at Wetaskiwin so far this month has been exceptionally brisk, owing to the large number of new settlers who are arriving daily. The immigration is mainly from the States, and they are a very desirable class of settlers. Up to Wednesday evening, there were about 65 carloads of settlers' effects left off at the siding here, and there are now several cars left off every train. There were six cars left off the regular train on Wednesday; and besides there are large numbers of settlers arriving who do not bring cars. Among those who brought in cars during the month are:

E. D. Train, H. Hartwig, A. Hartwig, J. O. Mann, R. Sawyer, Minnesota; E. Shirk, J. Gross, C. H. Holmstrom, E. Holmstrom, H. Boston, C. Johnson, A. Johnson, V. Aker, S. Paul, S. A. Allen, E. S. McFar, H. White, J. J. Jones, C. Knott, J. S. Hansen, A. J. Harrison, C. E. Burns, J. A. McFar, H. Glickson, J. A. Mulligan, Minnesota; E. Ross, J. Freda, J. E. Winder, E. Winder, E. Scott, W. McAllister, G. Sullivan, Broadfield, D. H. A. Johnson, Strathcona; J. Gross, S. Paul, W. J. Martin, W. G. Merrill, Alliston, Ont. A. S. Sand, J. Sand, Wm. Kallan, J. McAllister, Minnesota.

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